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chase and hold such tools, machinery, implements and stock, and employ such overseers, foremen and laborers as said highway commission may deem necessary for said purposes. The board of county commissioners of Cumberland County shall, upon request of the said highway commission, put into the custody and control of the highway commission the road making machinery and convict working force of Cumberland County. The said highway commission, in addition to using the convicts of Cumberland County, may employ convicts from other counties, or the convicts of the State, and all convicts, while in the custody and control of said highway commission, shall be employed in the construction, repair, and maintenance of highways, under the provisions of this act, and the expense of maintaining and guarding said convicts, while so employed, shall be paid out of the highway funds of Cumberland County.

SEC. 12. All highways built or improved under the provisions of this act shall be so built, or improved, in accordance with specifications to be furnished for the same by the highway superintendent of Cumberland County and in the building, construction and maintenance of said highways, the highway commission of Cumberland County may, in its discretion, employ such free labor as it shall deem wise and prudent, and may also, in addition to working convicts in the construction and improvement of said highways, construct and improve highways by letting the same out to the lowest bidder after notice duly published; all roads, however, to be only in accordance with the specifications for said highway, to be furnished by the road superintendent and no free labor residing in Cumberland County to be worked upon said highways, either under contract with the highway commission, or with the lowest bidder, between the first of April and the first day of August of any year, except such persons as may have contracted or contract to keep up a section or sections of the roads herein provided for, after the same shall have been constructed.

SEC. 13. That the highways of said county, constructed or improved under this act, shall not be less than twenty feet wide, at least fourteen (14) feet of which shall be properly constructed from sand and clay, or such other material as the highway commission, under the advice of the road superintendent shall deem expedient, and the whole of which highways shall be as straight as practicable and graded with as slight grade as practicable.

Sec. 14. That as soon as the highway commission shall be organized, they shall elect by ballot a highway superintendent for Cumberland County, who shall be a competent and experienced road engineer, having practical experience in the modern construction of highways, and fix his compensation, and the result of said election and salary shall be declared and recorded in the minutes of said highway commission. Said person, so elected, shall take and subscribe an oath for the faithful performance of his duties